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Prior A	pplicat	ion Art Unit: 1617 Prior Application Examiner: Edward J. Webman
SIR: T	his is a	request for filing a
§ 1.53	(b) of p	on Continuation-in-Part Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. ending prior Application No. 09/068,894 filed September 18, 1998 of Dr. IN, Dr. Karl Theodor KRAEMER, and Dr. Astrid MARKUS for IC GEL HAVING HIGH ACTIVE COMPOUND RELEASE.
1.		Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior Application No. 09/068,894 as originally filed on September 18, 1998, which is a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/EP97/05068, filed September 16, 1997, and claims benefit of priority of German Application No. 196 39 816.9, filed September 27, 1996, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.
2.		Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125. The undersigned hereby verifies that no new matter is added in this substitute specification.
3.		Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
4.	\boxtimes	A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5.	\boxtimes	The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended in the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith.

Basic Application Filing	Fee				\$770	\$	\$770.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims			
Total Claims	3	-	20	-0-	x \$18		
Independent Claims	1	-	3	-0-	x \$86		
Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) +\$290							
Subtotal						\$	770.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity							
TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$	770.00

6.	\boxtimes	A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.			
7.	\boxtimes	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.			
8.		New acceptable drawings are enclosed.			
9.	\boxtimes	The prior application is assigned of record to: Aventis Pharma Deutschland GmbH.			
10.	\boxtimes	Priority of Application No. 196 39 816.9, filed on September 27, 1996 in Germany is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy			
		\square is enclosed or \square is on file in the prior application.			
11.		Small entity status is appropriate and applies to this application.			
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- 13. The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
- 14. Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

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17.		Also enclosed is					
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